as an Augustinian hermit. He it was who wrote Birgitta's life, and apparently put the books of her *Revelations* into the form in which we now have them.

The Swedish princess on her mule climbed the high hill upon which Montefiascone stands, to the papal palace at the summit, overlooking the peaceful lake of Bolsena. There below her lay the island that had witnessed the martyrdom of Santa Cristina, and that other where Amalasuentha had been brutally done to death by her Gothic assassins ; further away lay the quiet little town with the church that had witnessed the mystical wonder that is celebrated still in the *Lauda Sion* of Aquinas and the marble glory of Orvieto's Duomo. She was ushered into the presence of the Sovereign Pontiff —her friend Niccolo Orsini, the Count of Nola, apparently acting as interpreter. Urban received her kindly, granted her the authorization of her rule, but would not discuss the affairs of the Holy See. Presently, however, he sent a messenger after her, to ask her what was the Divine will in the matter. Then the visionary spirit seized again upon Birgitta, and the Blessed Virgin spoke in her heart to this effect:—

" Because of my prayer, he obtained the infusion of the Holy Spirit, that he should go through Italy to Rome, for nought else save to do justice and mercy, to strengthen the Catholic faith, to confirm peace, and thus to renovate Holy Church. Even as a mother leads her child to what place pleases her while she shows him her breasts ; so did I lead Pope Urban, by my prayer and the work of the Holy Spirit, from Avignon to Rome, without any danger to his person. What hath he done to me ? Now he turneth to me his back and not his face, and he intends to depart from me ; to this a malign spirit leads him with its fraud. For he is weary of his divine labour and lusteth for his bodily ease. Yea, the devil draws him with worldly delectation, for too desirable to him is the land of his birth in mundane fashion. He is drawn, too, by the counsels of his carnal friends, who consider his pleasure and will more than the honour and will of God, or the profit and salvation of his soul. If it should happen that he return to the regions where he was elected Pope, he will